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## REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Office Communication dated July 25, 2005 (copy enclosed), which states that Applicants' Reply filed on May 6, 2005, was not entered because it is unsigned.

Applicants apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused the Examiner and enclose herewith a signed version of the Reply After 1<sup>st</sup> Office Action Under 37 CFR §1.111 placing the Reply in compliance so that it may be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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***Response to Amendment***

1. The proposed reply filed on May 6, 2005 has not been entered because it is unsigned.


Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq R. Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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July 21, 2005

  
ROMAIN JEANTY  
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